



October 2010

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Dear Parents,

As I visit classes and interact with staff and students in the halls, I am impressed with the positive energy that is evident throughout our school. We have had a very smooth opening. I attribute this to an outstanding and dedicated staff, a wonderful student body that is spirited and genuinely happy to be at West High School and our strong parent involvement.

More than 1.5 million juniors entered the 2011 program by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The semifinalists, which represent less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors, include the highest scoring entrant from each state.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an exemplary academic record, receive an endorsement by the school principal, and score well on the SAT. Each semifinalist must submit a detailed scholarship application which includes a self descriptive essay and information about the student's participation and leadership in school and community activities. We are proud to announce the semifinalists from West High School: Maia Claman, Emma Fisher, Taylor Hanley, Micaela Hyams, Iva Karoly-Lister, Susahhah Perkins, and Nathaniel Rubin. Congratulations to these scholars!

Semifinalists qualify for National Merit Scholarships based on the PSAT score they earn in their junior year. The PSAT will be offered this year on October 16th. Be sure to sign up in the Career Resource Room for this opportunity. Please sign up and be the next National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist.

I would like to thank all of the parents who were able to join us for Open House. Staying connected with your student's teachers is vital to their academic success. Another way to stay connected with your son and/or daughter's teachers and school records is through Parent/Connect. Please come into the front office and receive your password and pin number. These will allow you to keep track of your son/daughters attendance and academic records.

Just a reminder that the High school Graduation Qualifying Exam for juniors and seniors who have either not taken or passed one or more sections of the test is scheduled for October 5 - 7. Students who need to take one or more sections of the examination should already have been notified by the school's Curriculum Office. Please make sure the students are well nourished and rested for the exam.

Rick Stone
Principal

JROTC AK-033

Greetings West High School! This is AK - 033, the AFJROTC with our monthly newsletter. We have had a lot of fantastic events going on this month.

Our Drill Team starts marching at 6:00am every morning in the large gymnasium. Many cadets have shown up and we hope to have more come. We will be competing in a regulation and hopefully a first year cadet regulation team. We hope to have students from West show up and support us at our meets.

Friday morning clean up's start at 6:30 am each Friday. The AFJROTC cadets that show up are still cleaning our school and we thank them for their endeavors. This event will continue until the



snow starts to fall.

The Color Guard practices after school. They have accomplished 6 Color Guards and have a lot more scheduled! They will be performing at the upcoming pep assemblies. They will remain busy doing other events over the course of the school year.

Saber Team has done the pep assembly for the homecoming already. The Saber team will be doing arches for future special events as well.



Fright Night will be held before Halloween. Fright Night will be loads of fun. Be sure to get involved for a great time.

The SLS Banquet was excellent! Two hundred cadets showed up from West and Eagle River to receive the many awards that were given out that night. It went great and the cadets can't wait for the SLS next year.

The Corps hosted our semi-annual car wash that raises money for many JROTC events. The car wash was a great success. There were over 60 cadets and five parents in attendance.

This year we will be having the Corps picnic at The Top of the Hill Chalet near 6 Mile Lake on Elmendorf AFB. There will be a rocket launch, a nice picnic, and a great get together for the new cadets to really be introduced to the returning cadets. Everybody said they had a great time last year and that is exactly why we do it every year.

We hope to collect a lot of canned food as part of our canned food drive that we will be doing for Beans Café. We do this in November. Our goal will be to raise 3500 cans or more. There was a great turn out last year, which we hope to increase this year. We had approximately 3000 cans donated and that is why they enjoy the help of our corps.

It has been a very busy month for all of us. We have a lot of dedicated and motivated cadets this year. The quarter has gotten off to a great start and we hope to continue our success for the school year. The grades are in Zangle and though some might be a "wake-up" call to some cadets, others might be pleasantly surprised.

Counseling Corner



Seniors are advised to complete their college entrance tests no later than January. Registration can be completed by application (available in the CRC) or online at www.collegeboard.com for SAT and www.ACT.org for the ACT. Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and ACT in the spring and again in the fall of their senior year. Some schools require SAT II subject tests as well. The College Board recommends that students take subject tests after completing the related high school course.

Seniors check your college applications deadlines. If you have applications due December 30, January 1, or January 15, you will need to give those applications to your counselor by **December 1, 2010**.

From the Career Resource Center (CRC):

Seniors -Check online on the West webpage for the Fall Scholarship Bulletin. Other students are invited to look bulletin over for pertinent scholarship and other opportunities.

October 9, Saturday--SAT Test (1st one of the school year), Service High School (must be preregistered)

October 16, Saturday--PSAT Test. Signup will be in the CRC, beginning September 27. Cost is \$20.00. On Friday 10/1, sign up will be in the foyer.

October 23, Saturday--ACT Test (must be preregistered)

October 24-25, Sunday and Monday- ALL

STUDENTS, especially 12th and 11th graders, a College and Career Fair is scheduled at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center. Over 100 colleges and universities will be present to promote college success and to provide enrollment information to Alaskan students and potential students. Sign ups will start October 11 in the Career Resource Room for Monday, 10/25 when WHS students travel to the Dena'ina Center.

October 28, 2010 - WHS will be hosting the Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 28, 2010 (11– 2:30 p.m. and 4 – 7 p.m.) To assure productive conferences, we would like to offer a few hints that might be of help.

- Prior to the conferences, ask your student what they would like you to talk about with his/her teachers. Jot down some notes about those topics to cover.
- Ask important and specific questions because of time limitations. If further discussion is warranted, contact his/her counselor for a specific appointment
- Ask for clarification if the teacher uses a term or talks about something that you do not understand.
- Find out about specific ways that you can help your child perform better in school. Discuss these strategies with your child and let him/her know that you and the teacher care what happens.
- Follow up with the teacher to discuss your child's progress with the help of the counselor.

Remember we are all here for only one reason: to help your child be successful in school!

October 28 – 10th graders will take the PLAN test for. Work Keys will be administered to the 11th grade. 9th graders will meet in their period 1 class and proceed to planned activities.

SENIORS will meet in their period 1 class and proceed to activities which include sessions facilitated by WHS School Business Partners and end with a presentation by Josten's. Information and forms regarding ordering graduation gowns, announcements, and other Class of 2011 items will be available at this time. Very important that SENIORS attend so they will not miss out on this valuable opportunity!



Testing Information

The High School Graduation Qualifying Exam will be given on October 5, 6 and 7 for all students who need to retake one or more portions of the exam.

The High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE) measures minimum competencies of essential skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Passing all three sections of the HSGQE is part of the requirements to receive a high school diploma in the state of Alaska.

High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Calendar

The order of the tests is reading (Tuesday), writing (Wednesday), and math (Thursday) for each test administration.

2010-2011*

Oct. 5-7, 2010 HSGQE Re-Test

Apr. 5-7, 2011 HSGQE

The Plan Test will be given to all sophomores and WorkKeys will be given to all juniors on October 28 during the morning session.

What can you do as a parent to help your student?

In general:

- Participate in your student's learning activities.
- Encourage good study habits.
- Set aside a specific time for homework.
- Provide a quiet, well-lighted place for your student to study.
- Communicate often with your student's teachers.
- Require regular school attendance.
- Emphasize the importance of academic achievement.

During testing, help your student:

- Get a good night's rest the night before and eat a nutritious breakfast on test days.
- **Be at school and on time on test days,**
- Do not schedule medical, dental, or other appointments on test days.

Web sites for additional information

ASD Assessment & Evaluation

www.asdk12.org/depts/assess_eval/

Activities Corner
Tina Johnson-Harris
Assistant Principal

Wow! The last six weeks have been incredible for the West Athletics Program. The Tennis team continues to dominate each match. Their greatness is not only attributed to individual talent, but also the superb coaching of Ron Holmes, Bill Cotton, and Sally Elmore. They will be heading to the Region IV Tournament October 1st and 2nd and the State Tournament October 8th and 9th. GO TENNIS!

West Anchorage is the talk of the town! Congratulations to the team, coaching staff and Coach Tim Davis. Let's keep doing it the "West Way" all the way to the finals! We are headed to the quarter finals October 1st. Semifinals are scheduled October 8th and 9th. Come out and support your Westside Eagles!

October will be the end of a few sports and the beginning of the following:

Bowling	October 4
Hockey	October 18
Hockey Cheer	October 18

Extra-curricular activities are important to a student's high school career. We encourage all students to find something to get involved in. If it is not a sport, join a club or try-out for a part in the upcoming November show HAIRSPRAY. Be connected to school by getting involved in the school community.

What is required to participate in a sport?

- 1. Completed participation form.**
- 2. Current Physical not to expire during the season.**
- 3. Acknowledgment Form of the Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug policy.**
- 4. Academic GPA of 2.0 and completed 5 classes the previous semester.**
- 5. \$165.00 Activities Fee per sport.**

The activities office has been without a clerk. We appreciate your patience and understanding and anticipate that we will have the position filled soon. If you are in need of assistance or have questions, please contact me at 742-2517.

Support the Eagles!



WEST PTSA
Corner


CARR'S RECEIPTS NEEDED!

Student helpers get a free West t-shirt
and enter a drawing for an iPod Touch!



Did you know West was the #3 earning school in the entire United States for the 10% Back-to-Schools Program in 2009-10? We earned \$21,000 for West!



We want West to be number  in 2010-11! This can only happen in two ways:

- 1) Families bring in Carr's receipts from home - put them in the collection bin in the main office!
- 2) Students go into Carr's stores and collect receipts from shoppers!

All the funds collected go right back to West High. Teachers, groups, and activities can apply for these funds throughout the year via the PTSA/Eagle's Cache grants program.

REMEMBER:

- 1) **SAVE YOUR CARR'S RECEIPTS** and bring them to school September 18th through October 9th.
- 2) Students earn a new West t-shirt and are automatically entered in a drawing for an iPod Touch for each 2 hour shift collecting receipts from Carr's shoppers at Aurora Village.

The part we need is at the bottom of the receipt.
It looks like this:

10% Back-To-Schools

Thanks for your continued support of
the 10% Back-To-Schools program.

Bring in this reward receipt to your
local school, or process your donation
at www.backtoschools.escrip.com
ENTER THIS NUMBER 0000000250035869843
Must redeem by 10/13/2009.

Teachers & Staff: Free Membership!
The PTSA has decided to sponsor all
teacher/staff memberships in 2010-11. You
can expect one of our student board
members or their helpers to ask you in
person to join the PTSA. All fees will be
covered by your West PTSA!

GRANTS INFO FOR TEACHERS AND COACHES – new requirements

All teachers or coaches planning to request \$1,000 or more from the PTSA in 2010-2011 **must** have their groups help with eScrip, the PTSA's source of funding for grants. Your group **must** help with eScrip in one of two ways to be eligible for the higher level grants (\$1,000+) in 2010-11:

- 1) Go to Carr's Aurora for a two-hour time period to sign up eScrip supporters or collect receipts for 10% Back-to-School from September 18th through October 9th.
- or -
- 2) Bring in 10 new sign-ups from your activity's participating families for eScrip.

Go to the Grants tab on the PTSA page at the West website for more information on grants:
<http://www.asdk12.org/schools/west/pages/NewWest/Information/PTSA/PTSA.html>

Next PTSA meetings:

Wednesday, October 20th, 5:30 in the Main Office Conference Room

Wednesday, November 17th, 5:30 in the Main Office Conference Room

Celia Rozen, the PTSA eScrip coordinator will be happy to schedule the two-hour Carr's events or to supply you with eScrip forms for your activity's families. Celia's contact info: westhighptsa@gmail.com or 786-7676 days, 344-3280 eves.

Staff Services

Recognition:

The West Anchorage High School staff and student recognition program is proud to recognize the following staff and student for September 2010: Dwight Killpatrick, Carolina Carr, Yolanda Fuerer, and Olivia Route.

Student Olivia Route has a complete resume of Art and Drama achievements at West. This past month Olivia was a key participant in the newly organized staff spelling bee. This activity brought students, staff, and our community together for an electrifying event.

Mr. Killpatrick has balanced his main operational duties while, at the same time, coordinating the removal of a significant amount of surplus items throughout the building. This has increased valuable storage space and enhanced our instructional environment in classrooms.

Ms. Carr has provided valuable service to our Spanish speaking parents and students who needed assistance during our Fall registration process. Ms. Carr continues this assistance throughout the school year.

Ms. Fuerer continues to lead us through the Zangle system implementation process to address curriculum based needs which, in turn, enhances student information delivery to our West parents and guardians.

Attendance:

West Anchorage High School continues to monitor student attendance through the new student information system Zangle. This year, I will be issuing probation letters, and unfortunately, some withdrawal letters. The first batch of probation letters are still in the same format as last school year. We are currently working on a much more informative probation and withdrawal notice to assist parents and guardians.

I wish to remind parents and guardians of a few things regarding attendance.

If you are calling in to report an absence, please indicate the type of absence that pertains to your student. (The majority of calls this year have been very helpful to our staff with the amount of information needed. THANK YOU.)

Illness: Please keep us in the loop for each day an illness is in effect as we wish to assist you and your student in the overall process for academic success.

If you have any questions, please contact me in the Staff Services Office.

Changes!

As this year progresses, you will see a few changes around West. We now host a new storage shed for the track and field area. Our main gym now has new safety mats for our main basketball court. In addition, we have established additional office space in the main office for our Athletic Director and West/Romig Planning Coordinator.

Please keep watching for more!



Craig T. Walker
Assistant Principal, Staff Services

WHAT DOES STUDENT SERVICES HELP WITH?

- Locker Distribution/Maintenance
- Parking Permits/Violations
- Discipline/Behavior Issues
- Building Safety/Security
- Theft/Loss Concerns

WHO ARE WE?

Patsy Shaha	Administrator
Kassandra Lee	Administrative Assistant
Stacey Lawrence	Security Alpha A-D
Karen Mathews	Security Alpha E-J
Ben Robinson	Security Alpha K-N
Antonio Wyche	Security Alpha O-S
Rashard Boston	Security Alpha T-Z

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns. We can be reached by phone at **742-2578** or by email at:

lastname_firstname@asdk12.org.

PARKING

Please remember that parking is a privilege here at West. In order to park on our campus you will need to read and sign a parking agreement. The cost for a year long parking permit is \$100 or \$50 per semester. If you do not purchase a parking permit or if you park in unauthorized areas, you will be subject to fines and/or towing of your vehicle.

HEAD COVERING POLICY

No hats/head coverings are allowed in the building at anytime. Please leave hats, do-rags, bandanas, etc. at home. If you do wear one to school you will need to remove it as you enter the building. Failure to comply with the policy may result in your hat/head covering being confiscated.

DRESS CODE

Clothing worn to school should not be a distraction or offensive to others. Do not wear clothing that displays or suggests obscenity, profanity, sexual innuendos, or anything related to alcohol or drugs. Also, please avoid clothing that shows your abdomen, undergarments, chest, etc. Skirts need to extend below your arm length finger tips. If you choose not to follow the dress code you may be sent home to change clothing.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTRONICS

Cell phones, mp3players, digital cameras and other electronic devices are not permitted between the hours of 7:30 and 2:00 with the exception of lunch time. Students who do not abide by this policy will have their electronic device confiscated until it is picked up by a parent/guardian.

WEST HIGH SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ELECTRONIC DEVICES!!

HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, BULLYING AND TEASING

West Anchorage High School and the ASD are dedicated to maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment. It is prohibited to harass, discriminate for or against a race, creed, gender, national origin, age, political or religious beliefs, physical or mental conditions, family, social, or cultural background, or sexual orientation. Any individual whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary measures.

If you feel that you have experienced harassment, discrimination, bullying or teasing please contact a parent, teacher, counselor, security officer or administrator.



“HAIRSPRAY”

November 11 – 13

“Get swept away to 1960’s Baltimore, where the 50’s are out – and change is in the air. Loveable plus-size heroine, Tracy Turnblad, has a passion for dancing, and wins a spot on the local TV dance program, “The Corny Collins Show.” Overnight she finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Can a larger-than-life adolescent manage to vanquish the program’s reigning princess, integrate the television show, and find true love (singing and dancing all the while, of course!) without mussing her hair?” MTI Shows for Middle School and Older

Tickets \$8.00 Students

\$10.00 Adults

Children under five FREE

“The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe”

February 3 - 5

The classic tale from C. S. Lewis. Aslan and the forces of good struggle against the White Witch to save Narnia from perpetual winter.

An ALL AGES production

One Acts

March 17 - 19

The student directed one acts are short plays directed and in some cases written by the advanced acting students, performed by the beginning acting students, and tech work is done by the play production class. These shows are short and lots of fun. Intended for high school and older audiences.

William Shakespeare’s “Midsummer Night’s Dream”

April 14 – 16

Magic, Love and Comedy unite in the Bard’s romp through the forests of Athens. Come join us for a magical evening!

An ALL AGES production (but perhaps over ht heads of younger audiences)

S.T.A.G.E. “Studying Theatre and Getting Excited”

October 9 & January 22

Our high school theatre students lead classes and activities aimed at getting **elementary** school students interested in theatre.

Session 1: 9:30 – 12:30

Session 2: 1:00 – 4:00

Half Day \$30.00

Whole Day \$50.00

S.T.A.G.E. “Studying Theatre and Getting Excited”

March 26

Our high school theatre students lead classes and activities aimed at getting **Middle School** students interested in theatre.

9:30am – 3:00pm

\$50.00

Haunted House

October 30

Perfect Halloween fun for elementary age kids and their parents. This event has games, activities, and scary fun all in one indoor, safe, and family friendly environment.

Saturday 1pm – 9pm Entry \$3.00 per student

Chaperones FREE

The Alaska Native Heritage Center operates an after school program at the Center for interested students starting October 5th and running through the year until April 22. We pick up high school students after school and transport them to the Center. We provide a snack and then begin programs at 3:00 until 5:00. After the programs are over we transport students home. We offer Native Art, Native Dance, Native Games, Media/Communications, Performance and Leadership activities. If you are interested please see our web site at www.alaskanative.net and go to the education, high school program, application. Please complete the application and return it to us directly or via your Indian Education or CITC personnel at school. Once we receive your application we will check with our transportation to make sure we can safely get you home, then one of our staff will contact you to let you know it's OK to start coming on our vehicle.

If you or your parents/guardian have any questions please call Caleb at 330-8018 or Bon at 330-8049. Thanks for considering joining us here at the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Pre-order your Yearbook

Go to the West High School Home Page and click on the yearbook link. It will take you directly to the publisher's site where you can order the 2011 yearbook with your credit card.

Yearbook = \$60

Yearbook with name = \$65

Yearbooks can also be ordered in Room 42 before or after school. Cash or checks accepted.

These prices will only be good through the end of October!

Senior Photos

Due November 5th to room 42

A 5x7 photo – which can be returned to you
OR a high resolution (300dpi or greater) digital file on a CD named: lastname, first name.jpg of the student. Digital files may also be sent as attachments to westyearbook@asdk12.org





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Turnagain Elementary needs help with games/food, Saturday, October 23rd, 1-4pm, at their Harvest Carnival. One to three hour shifts are available. Please contact Rosanne Williams at 351-6006 if you can volunteer or for more information.

National Honor Society is up and running. We have met twice in September. We will continue to hold our meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month at lunch in the Library.

This year we are dedicating our efforts to Habitat for Humanity! NHS members would like to open the opportunity to our entire West community to the support the building and fundraising efforts for Habitat. We will keep you posted, via this newsletter, on the ways you can help with this great project! NHS students are already volunteering hours at Habitat for Humanity's Restore, as well as working on landscaping and possible fundraising events for this year. Look for us at parent-teacher conferences.

Congratulations to our new officers: Rudy Agam, Tom Troxel, Rowan Kraft, Katherine Tomera and Katie Grosch. Thanks to the outgoing officers who have done an especially great job – Nathaniel Rubin Erin William, Erica Bautista, and Elisha Powell. A special thank you to Madeleine Woodard for her continued service and dedication as President.

Judy Friar – NHS Advisor

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For all ASD Publications**

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Anchorage School District

College and Career Ready Initiative

Helping All Students Prepare for the Future

Tenth-grade students will take the PLAN assessment during the fall of the school year. Each high school will determine a test date during the fall testing window. For more information contact your counselor or career resource advisor.

“Who am I?”

Take a realistic look at academic strengths, weakness and career-related interests.

“Where am I going?”

Explore educational and career pathways. Engage in conversations about career possibilities and educational/training pathways.

“How will I get there?”

Career planning is a continuous process. Continue to develop initial high school plans that meet interests and career-related goals.

Tenth-grade Emphasis:

The importance of students doing their best on the PLAN

The PLAN results contain information about work-related interests, educational plans, career goals and academic skills. Teachers, counselors, career resource advisors, graduation coaches, and parents can use PLAN results to help students make or modify plans for the remainder of their high school career and their future.

PLAN at a Glance

Educational & Career Planning Component (65 minutes)

- Career Interest Inventory – helps students explore personally relevant career options
- High School Course/Grade Information – helps evaluate course-taking patterns in light of recommended core courses
- Needs Assessment – collects information about students’ perceived needs

English Test

30 minutes – 50 questions

Usage/mechanics and rhetorical skills (punctuation, grammar and usage, sentence structure, strategy, organization and style)

Reading Test

20 minutes – 25 questions

Prose, fiction, humanities and social studies

Science Test

25 minutes – 30 questions

Biology, Earth/space sciences, chemistry and physics

(Format: data representation, research summaries and conflicting viewpoints)

Mathematics Test

40 minutes – 40 questions

Pre-algebra, elementary algebra, coordinate geometry and plane geometry *Turn over for frequently asked questions*

Frequently Asked Questions About the PLAN

Q: *Do the PLAN results tell students what type of career they should pursue?*

A: No. The results will indicate the students' self-reported career area preference. It will also encourage students to explore specific career clusters based on student answers on the career interest inventory.

Q: *What does the career interest inventory assess?*

A: The personalized PLAN score report(results) encourages students to investigate careers that are consistent with their work-related interests. This information is identified on the World-of-Work Map that identifies career areas based on primary work task interests – data, ideas, people, and things.

Q: *Are the PLAN results intended to determine if a student should or should not consider going to college?*

A: Absolutely not. The purpose of this assessment is to identify current academic progress and career-related plans and goals. This will allow students to investigate career possibilities and identify a plan for achieving their post-secondary plans. It is not the intent to discourage students from obtaining their educational and career goals.

If results indicate that interests are stronger than skills, students should be encouraged to consider future coursework and/or strategies for improvement. With guidance from parents and school staff, students can map out a plan for obtaining their desired career-related goals.

Q: *Are there additional online resources available to students and parents that provide more information on the PLAN assessment and the World-of-Work Map?*

A: Yes. More information can be obtained at www.planstudent.org. Families are encouraged to investigate the quick link World-of-Work Map at the above website. This can be a helpful tool prior to and after the PLAN is administered. The quick link can provide extensive information on career areas, occupations, and specific work-tasks (annual average salary, employment size and growth, entry requirements and related occupations and majors for each career area).

Q: *How can students best prepare for the PLAN assessment?*

A: Students are encouraged to answer test questions to their best ability and not rush through the career-interest questions when it is being administered. The personalized PLAN score report can only be fully utilized if students answer questions to the best of their ability. In doing so, there is a much better chance that the results can be useful in future educational and career planning.

An important reminder:

Families are encouraged to save all assessment results, including the PLAN score report, that will be mailed home at the beginning of January. Because career planning is an on-going process, it will be helpful to retain the paperwork in order to refer to it throughout your child's academic career.

